

SENATE WATCH

A summary of today's Senate actions; published daily when the Senate is in session.

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BUDGETS

SB 286 (Johnson)

Consumer and Industry Services budget

- Committee 1 (S-1) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 286 was moved to 3rd Reading.
- Prusi 1 was defeated [RC 90: 16 yes, 21 no (GOP)]. This would have deleted funding for the Workers Compensation Appellate Commission. Sen. Prusi: Eliminating this duplicative and unnecessary bureaucratic commission would save the state millions of dollars.
- Bernero 2 was defeated [RC 91: 16 yes, 21 no]. This would require funding for 7 workers compensation mediators.
- Bernero 3 was defeated [RC 92: 16 yes, 21 no]. This would require the Dept. to provide job placement services to laid-off workers.
- SB 286 passed with IE [RC 93: 35 yes, 0 no].

THIRD READING

SB 289 (Birkholz)

SB 289 would require a person who owns an industrial, processing or irrigation facility that has the capacity to withdraw over 100,000 gallons of water per day average in any consecutive 30-day period to register with the DEQ. They would also be required to pay a water use reporting fee of \$100 (increased from \$50).

Support: MEC (with amendments), MML, Chamber, SEMCOG, MAC, MMA, Concrete Paving Assoc, MI Aggregates Assn, Lansing Board of Water and Light, MI Ground Water Assoc, MML, MI Golf Course Owners Assoc, MI Forest Products Council, MI Chemistry Council, Trout Unlimited, MUCC.

- Committee 1 (S-4) was defeated [no RC].
- Birkholz 2 (H-5) was adopted [no RC].
- SB 289 was moved to 3rd Reading.